



2021 IRC Question Of The Week

A label with the words, “CAUTION: NONPOTABLE WATER. DO NOT DRINK”, used on a 3” nonpotable water distribution pipe, shall have a back-ground color field of at least ____ inches long.

- A) 8
- B) 10
- C) 12
- D) 16



P2901.2.2 Distribution pipe labeling and marking.

Nonpotable distribution piping shall be: purple in color and embossed or integrally stamped or marked with the words, “CAUTION: NONPOTABLE WATER. DO NOT DRINK”; or installed with a purple identification tape or wrap. Pipe identification shall include the contents of the piping system and an arrow indicating the direction of flow. Hazardous piping systems shall contain information addressing the nature of the hazard. Pipe identification shall be repeated at intervals not exceeding 25 feet (7620 mm) and at each point where the piping passes through a wall, floor or roof. Lettering shall be readily observable within the room or space where the piping is located.

**TABLE P2901.2.2.2
SIZE OF PIPE IDENTIFICATION**

PIPE DIAMETER (inches)	LENGTH OF BACK- GROUND COLOR FIELD (inches)	SIZE OF LETTERS (inches)
$\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$	8	0.5
$1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2	8	0.75
$2\frac{1}{2}$ to 6	12	1.25
8 to 10	2	2.5
Over 10	32	3.5

